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Speaker
I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
36th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Executive Order No. 2021-15

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

Pursuant to Public Law 34-16, transmitted herewith is the following Executive Order:

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-15:
RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED TO
RESPOND TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND AMENDING
RESTRICTIONS FOR INCOMING TRAVELERS AND QUARANTINE FACILITIES**

Thank you.

Senseremente,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sophia Santos Diaz".

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ
Legal Counsel

Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2021-15

cc via email: *Maga'hågan Guåhan*
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-15

**RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
DECLARED TO RESPOND TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-
19) AND AMENDING RESTRICTIONS FOR INCOMING TRAVELERS
AND QUARANTINE FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, I, Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, acting pursuant to the power provided by the Organic Act of Guam and the laws of Guam, declared a public health emergency in the island of Guam due to dangers posed by the 2019 novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, since declaring a public health emergency, Guam has suffered One Hundred Forty (140) COVID-19 related deaths; and

WHEREAS, as of the time of this writing, over Eight Thousand Three Hundred (8,300) individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 in Guam; and

WHEREAS, at the peak of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Guam, One Hundred Two (102) individuals were hospitalized for conditions related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since February 19, 2021, the island has been in Pandemic Condition of Readiness 3 ("PCOR 3"), during which most businesses and activities are permitted to operate with conditions, including reduced capacities in facilities with indoor operations, and limitations on social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, since June 2020, Guam has relied on the COVID Area Risk ("CAR") Score to assess the risk of COVID-19 spread, which is calculated using three main data points – effective reproduction number, test positivity rate, and new cases per 100,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, Guam's CAR Score has held below five (5) since late November 2020 and below 2.5 since the second week of December 2020, and is calculated at 1.2 as of the time of this writing; and

WHEREAS, as part of the vaccination plan, the Department of Public Health and Social Services ("DPHSS") and the Guam National Guard have led community vaccination clinics; and



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WHEREAS, since August 21, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order No. 2020-28, incoming travelers to the island have been subject to mandatory quarantine at a government facility. This quarantine policy has substantially assisted our island in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, with over two hundred (200) positive cases intercepted during quarantine since January 2021, instead of being simply allowed into the community and initiating new instances of potential outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2021, we launched the “Path to Half” campaign, an effort to encourage our community to get vaccinated against COVID-19, with the initial goal of achieving 50% vaccination of our adult population by May 1, 2021, and the ultimate goal of achieving herd immunity in Guam a few months thereafter; and

WHEREAS, vaccinations have been proven highly effective in preventing individuals from contracting COVID-19 and from suffering severe symptoms if they do contract the disease, which reduces hospitalizations and deaths, and potentially reduces the risk of infection to others; and

WHEREAS, achieving herd immunity will enable our island to reopen even more broadly, to ease remaining restrictions, and to permit the most risky activities such as large-scale social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Path to Half campaign was a critical part of our efforts to ensure that our community is safe as we reopen industry, in particular our tourism industry, and to ease quarantine restrictions for incoming travelers;

WHEREAS, as of the date of this, over Ninety Thousand (90,000) adults in Guam are fully vaccinated, representing approximately Seventy-Five percent (75%) of Guam’s adult population; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the strong response in our community to achieve this initial goal, thousands of individuals have yet to complete their second round of vaccinations, which renders them still vulnerable to infection, to suffering severe symptoms once infected, and to infecting others; and

WHEREAS, as we begin to normalize activities throughout our island, it is appropriate to recognize the reduced risk that fully vaccinated incoming travelers present to the stabilization of our fragile healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021, in Executive Order No. 2021-10, the travel protocol for arriving passengers into Guam was revised to allow incoming travelers who have been verifiably fully vaccinated with an FDA approved COVID-19 vaccine an exemption from mandatory quarantine; and



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WHEREAS, the revised travel protocol provides an efficient method by which incoming travelers, particularly returning Guam residents, may enter Guam with minimal risk of increased spread of COVID-19 to the community; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2021, in Executive Order No. 2021-13, the vaccination exemption to quarantine was expanded to incoming travelers who have received vaccines approved subject to corresponding international standards for vaccinations imposed for the WHO Emergency Use Listing (EUL); and

WHEREAS, the risk posed to our community by exposure to the COVID-19 virus is substantially mitigated as the rate of vaccination in our community rises and as we approach herd immunity, providing much-needed respite to our hospitals, clinics and frontliners, and allowing our island to somewhat return to normalcy, reopen, and gradually recover from the deleterious effects the pandemic has had on our economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, with the concurrence and advice of the DPHSS, the Physicians Advisory Group, and the Guam National Guard Surgeon Cell, and in light of the fact that over 75% of our adult population is fully vaccinated, it is appropriate to further amend the travel protocol to exempt travelers who present a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of arrival in Guam from quarantine; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we continue to be mindful of the reality that the COVID-19 pandemic remains a threat to our safety as a community, and that we all exercise personal judgment, and take steps as individuals towards protecting ourselves and our loved ones against this disease, including getting vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage our friends and family, especially those with comorbidity factors, to get vaccinated, keep themselves and their loved ones safe, and do their part to help achieve herd immunity on our island; and

WHEREAS, as our community works to recover from this global pandemic's impact on our lives, it is important to recognize that the emergency has not yet ended and that we are now, and will continue to be for some time, engaged in emergency response; and

WHEREAS, with continued practice of the basic mitigation measures of washing hands, wearing masks, and maintaining social distance, we will continue to make strides towards containing the spread of COVID-19 on our island, and keeping our community safe.



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NOW THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam as amended, do hereby order:

1. **EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.** The public health emergency first declared in Executive Order No. 2020-03 and extended in Executive Order Nos. 2020-09, 2020-11, 2020-16, 2020-22, 2020-24, 2020-29, 2020-35, 2020-38, 2020-41, 2020-46, 2021-03, 2021-05, 2021-09, and 2021-13 shall be extended for an additional thirty (30) day period, effective July 1, 2021. The public health emergency is now scheduled to expire on July 31, 2021.

2. **PANDEMIC CONDITION OF READINESS 3.** Guam continues to be in PCOR 3, during which most activities are permitted to operate under moderate restrictions imposed in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

3. **MORATORIUM ON FORECLOSURE AND EVICTION PROCEEDINGS LIFTED.** As set forth in Executive Order No. 2021-13, the locally established moratorium on evictions and foreclosures implemented in Executive Order Nos. 2020-07 and 2020-14 and allowed to continue under Executive Order No. 2021-04 is lifted as of July 1, 2021. Actions instituted may be subject to federal limitations and restrictions, including the order entitled, "Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19" issued by the United States Department of Health and Humans Services' Centers for Disease Control and effective from July 1, to July 31, 2021 ("CDC Order"). Tenants wishing to avail of the protections offered under the CDC Order should visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov.

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4. **QUARANTINE FOR INCOMING TRAVELERS.** Pursuant to applicable law and DPHSS Guidance, all incoming travelers shall be subject to quarantine at a government facility.
 - a. **EXEMPTION FOR VACCINATED TRAVELERS.** Exemptions for vaccinated travelers provided in Executive Order No. 2021-13 continue to be in effect, subject to applicable DPHSS Guidance.
 - b. **EXEMPTION FOR TRAVELERS WITH NEGATIVE PCR TESTS.** Effective at 12:01AM on July 4, 2021, incoming travelers who, upon arrival in Guam, present a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of arrival in Guam, are exempt from quarantine, subject to applicable DPHSS Guidance.
 - c. **TRAVELERS WITH NEGATIVE ANTIGEN TESTS.** Effective at 12:01 AM on July 4, 2021, incoming travelers who, upon arrival in Guam, present a negative antigen test taken within 72 hours of arrival in Guam, shall be subject to home quarantine and monitoring as provided in applicable DPHSS Guidance.
 - d. **REMAINING TRAVELERS.** Travelers who do not qualify for an exemption from quarantine or for home quarantine as provided herein or in applicable DPHSS Guidance shall be quarantined at a government facility as provided in applicable DPHSS Guidance.
5. **VACCINATIONS.** Eligible Guam residents are highly encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible.
6. **USE OF THE GUAM COVID ALERT APP ENCOURAGED.** All residents with smartphone capability are encouraged to download the Guam COVID Alert app, which will alert individuals who may have been exposed to another individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. The app is free, and available to download for Apple and Android devices.



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7. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Order that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this order are severable.

8. **PRIOR ORDERS REMAIN IN EFFECT.** All prior Executive Orders remain in full force and effect except to the extent they conflict with this Order.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this **30th** day of June 2021.

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attested by:
JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

